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SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN

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1. WE HAVE TAKEN A VERY CAREFUL LOOK (REFTELS) AT THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE ARMS REQUEST WHICH KING HUSSEIN HAS RAISED WITH YOU AND THE PRESIDENT AT VARIOUS TIMES OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS. WE HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

-- HUSSEIN FACES A PALPABLE AND GROWING THREAT IN THE AREA, ESPECIALLY FROM IRAQ AND SYRIA;

-- IF THE PEACE PROCESS PROGRESSES FAR ENOUGH ALONG FOR HIM TO JOIN IN, OR IF IT FAILS OR IS FRUSTRATED, HE WILL MOST PROBABLY FACE INCREASED MILITARY DANGERS;

-- HIS REQUEST FOR AID OVER THE EARLY 1980'S IS MODEST, SENSIBLE AND MODERATE, AND AMOUNTS TO SOMETHING LESS THAN A BILLION DOLLARS. IT IS CONSISTENT IN THE MAIN WITH OUR NEW ARMS CONTROL POLICY;

-- WE BELIEVE THE U.S. WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE LEAD IF THE REQUEST IS GOING TO BE MET;

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-- A PROGRAM OF INCREASED AID (UP FROM DOLS 130 TO DOLS 180 MILLION) PER YEAR OVER 5-6 YEARS INCLUDING SOME ADDITIONAL ARAB UNDERWRITING OF FMS CREDIT PAYMENTS WOULD COVER HUSSEIN'S MAJOR NEEDS;

-- THE U.S. RESPONSE TO HUSSEIN SHOULD BE FITTED IN WITH THE PEACE PROCESS AS A QUID PRO QUO

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FOR HIS JOINING TALKS THAT SEEM TO BE GOING SOMEWHERE, OR S A PROP TO HUSSEIN, SHOULD THE PEACE PROCESS BE FRUSTATED OR FAIL. SOME PARTS OF THE PROGRAM MAY BE NEEDED AS STOPGAP AID TO BCLSTER U.S. CREDIBILITY AND JORDANIAN STABILITY AND MODERATION EVEN IN ADVANCE OF SUFFICIENT PEACE PROGRESS TO BRING HUSSEIN IN.

2. THE DETAILS OF OUR ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD FOR WASHINGTON STAFF STUDY. I BELIEVE THIS QUESTION WILL BE A CENTRAL ONE FOR HUSSEIN AND OUR RELATIONS WITH HIM AND JORDAN IN THE MONTHS AHEAD AND ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUING INTEREST AND SUPPORT.
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